b Own estimates based on NSSO data.

cADB(2001)

d Chadha & Sahu (2002), table 11.

SOURCE: ILO (2002); ILO(2001); own estimates for regional employment and unemployment aggregates based on method developed by Berger and Harasty (2002).

Scheme to promote SSI

† *596 PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate any scheme to promote small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The State Governments are primarily responsible for the promotion of small scale industries. In addition to the efforts of the State Governments in this regard, the Government of India also implements several schemes for the development and promotion of small scale industries. Besides the schemes under implementation, the Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2005-06 has mentioned two new schemes, *viz.,* (i) Creation of a few "Growth Poles" as pilot projects applying the principles of provision of urban amenities for rural areas (PURA) and (ii) Manufacturing competitiveness Programme. These schemes are also related to the development of small scale industries.

(c) It is not possible to state the amount likely to be spent by the Government on these new schemes till they are approved following the due procedure.

Balance dues of CPSUs

*597. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that statutory dues of only 26 Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have so far been cleared till March, 2003;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.